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Holmes' Band and Yale's Jazz Group Will Highlight Hill's Winter Carnival

Eli's Chosen Six, Yale's best known jazz group, and Leroy Holmes Orchestra, one of the nation's best dance bands, will highlight Hamilton's 1956 Winter Carnival. Also included in the fun-filled weekend are a snow sculpture contest, a faculty-student ski meet, the selection of a Winter Carnival Queen, a hockey match and a basketball game.

Holmes' orchestra, noted for its "smooth danceable music," will perform from nine to one Saturday evening at the gymnasium. Also present will be the Buffers, who will entertain dur ing intermission.

The Social Committee, headed by John Smith, '56, has decided to continue last year's policy of scheduling a jazz concert for Friday evening. This year Eli's Chosen Six, will play from ten to two on Friday night in the Hall of Commons. The Chosen Six have played throughout the East and are well known as one of the better college ensembles.

The snow sculpture, which will be judged by Mrs. Wertimer, Professor Cook, and Professor Moraud on Friday afternoon, has as its theme "Athletics at Hamilton." Alpha Delta Phi will defend the title it won last year when the Little King was judged the best of the "Cartoon Characters." The winner of the contest will be announced during the intermission at the dance.

Each house will have one entrant in the Carnival Queen contest, the decision for which will be made Saturday morning by Professors Johnston, Piano, and Brachfeld. All entrants will wear the slacks and sweaters during the judging. The winner will be announced during the dance.

Before the jazz concert Friday night, the Continental basketball team will play Harpur. Saturday afternoon, there will be a hockey game at four o'clock against Army, following which will be fraternity cocktail parties. The second annual student-faculty ski meet will take place Saturday morning at the junction of routes 233 and 12B.

Admission to the jazz concert and dance will be free to all students with social tickets. Admission to the dance will be five dollars for those who have dates but no social tickets and three dollars to those with neither dates nor social tickets. Admission to the jazz concert will cost three dollars for those without social tickets whether they have dates or not.

Noted Conservative Rossiter to Speak In Chapel Feb. 23

The lecture committee has secured Dr. Clinton Rossiter to speak on "Conservatism in the American Way of Life" next Thursday in the College Chapel at 8:00 p.m. Rossiter received his education at Cornell and Princeton Universities and is now a professor of government at the former.

Since leaving the Navy in 1946, Rossiter has written five well-received books on American government. The first two were *Constitutional Dictatorship* and *The Supreme Court and the Commander - in - Chief. Seedtime of the Repubic,* his next book, won the Bancroft Prize, Woodrow Wilson Foundation Prize and the book award of the Institute of Early American History and Culture. His two latest books have been *Documents in American Government* and the 1955 publication, *Conservatism in America,* which won the Charles Austin Beard Memorial. In the spring Rossiter is publishing a new book on the American presidency.

Conservatism in America has been called "a brilliant analysis of the conservative tradition in American political life. An eloquent appeal for a new conservatism to sustain the Republic in the years ahead."

Rossiter said himself "the book is the result of my own quest for understanding of American conservatism." He writes "as one who is himself caught up in the current revival (of conserv-

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Charlatans to Give Reading of Medea Monday in Chapel

One Act Plays Partially Cast

This Monday night at 8:00 in the College Chapel, Mike Sundell will present a reading of *Medea,* by Euripides, the fourth in a series of such programs. The Charlatans are also to present in March two student-written one act plays and the trial scene from George Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan.*

For the reading of *Medea,* Sundell plans to use the English translation of the Negro poet, Countee Cyllen, because "it is in simplified English and is better suited for reading than any we have come across."

Heading the list of characters will be Mrs. Norman Lewis who will read the part of Medea. Mrs. Lewis last appeared with the Charlatans when she read the title role in *Antigone* two years ago. Emerson Brown is to play Jason; Mrs. Harvey Cameron, who has appeared in several one act plays, will play the Nurse, and Miss Silvia Saunders will be the Chorus. Others appearing in the cast are: Ben Carroll as Aegeis, Dick Flanagan as the Messenger, Bill Tennant as the Tutor, and Al Van Buren as Creon.

Ben Carroll, president of the Charlatans, has announced that the winners of the one act play contest are Al Prettyman, with his play *New Born,* and Sam Sade, who as of yet has found no title for his play. The plays will be directed by their respective authors and will be presented "in the round" March 14, 15, and 16.

The cast of *New Born* headlines John Greenwald as Ed and Tom Putnam as Curt. Others on the list of characters are Steve Allen as Mr. Mews, Russ Dixon as the Doctor, and the Nurse, which has yet to be cast. The characters of Sam Sade's play include Herm Harding as Freud, Al Kemper as the Prince, Craig Pritchard as Joe, and Don Spillman who portrays Mr. Fast. The personalities yet uncast are those of Jane, Prometheus, and "another person of significance." Gary Tischler, a veteran of former readings and Charlatan productions including the recent *Death of a Salesman,* will direct the trial scene from *Saint Joan.* With the title role not yet filled, the play will feature Dick Felleppa as the Inquisitor, Jamie McClintock as Warwick, and Bob Mead as Cauchon. Supporting the players are: Ben Carroll as D'Estivet, John Greenman as Courcelles, Dick Parker as the Executioner, Frank Rizzo as the Chaplain, Ed Smith as Ladvenu, and Bill Wieting playing the Page.

State Department Lists June Exam

Due to the increased need of Foreign Service officers, the Department of State will hold a June Foreign Service Examination.

A Foreign Service officer will visit the Hill on February 29 to discuss job opportunities with interested men. The salaries for the jobs covered by these examinations have base salaries of $4750 to $5475.

Although ten times as many men took the last June examination as ever had taken it before, there still is a serious need of applicants. Channing Richardson, in commenting on the tests said, "They are especially attractive for a man trained in the liberal arts tradition of a place such as Hamilton College.

Norman Cousins shown lecturing to College Community last Monday night.

Cousins Says U.S. "Not in Command Of Survival Knowledge" in Hill Talk

Norman Cousins, editor of the *Saturday Review of Literature,* charged here Wednesday night that the American people "are not in command of the working knowledge — the survival knowledge — which we need." Cousins spoke to the college community on the Bandung Conference of last spring. He was the third speaker in a series which has included Sir Carl Berendsen and Dr. Hu Shih.

Mr. Cousins' chief criticism of the U. S. concerning the Bandung Conference was that the United States failed to understand what the conference was all about. "This country and the People's Republic of China were the only two nations which misjudged the Bandung Conference; both thought that Red China would run it."

Cousins presented two propositions to his audience: first, that "the ability of the American people to maintain values, indeed to survive, depends not on nuclear weapons but on our ability to gain the confidence of an overwhelming majority of the world's peoples; secondly, our principal lack is not of materials but of information, of knowledge of the world."

He called the Bandung gathering "the graduation exercises into freedom of two continents, of a majority of the world's peoples," and asserted that its principal achievement was that the conference "enabled a majority of the human race to feel that they belonged." It was, he said, "an assertion of pride more than it was a conference."

In regard to the reporting of the conference, he said that the poor reporting was the result of the passion for deadlines in the American press, the press's craving for a brawl, and its obsession with the exclusive story. Thus the people of the United States got no clear picture of what happened at Bandung.

The Bandung Conference occupied itself mainly with the problems of colonialism. Prime Minister Sukharno cited Paul Revere's ride as history's greatest example, and also "success of America is throwing off colonialism and imperialism."

Cousins noted, however, that the abhorrence of colonialism and imperialism voiced at the conference was not confined to Western colonialism and imperialism. The conference made this very clear. Regardless of the issue of colonialism at the conference, Cousins said, that the United States has viewed the conference "only in the context of the Cold War."

Cousins concluded his talk with several warnings. He stressed the need of a stronger United Nations because the industrial revolutions gave "the mechanisms of destruction without the mechanisms of control. In advocacy of a stronger United Nations—"we have the potential for the strength of leadership." To attain this leadership, however, our foreign policy cannot continue to be "just reaction to the Soviet Union." The reactions of the United States have to be positive.

We are engaged, Cousins asserted, in a "showdown on the battleground of world opinion." He said that this country need not agree with Asia and Africa, but we must respect the importance which they attach to their ideas. Especially with regard to Asia and Africa, he said, "We cannot continue to think only in our own terms, or Communism can win on this battleground by default."

Was Los Blood Drive

Was Los will sponsor the annual Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to the campus on Friday, March 9 at Alpha Delta Phi. As in past years, the goal will be a hundred and twenty-five pints of blood.

During the next week, Was Los representatives will contact each student in search of blood donors. Consenting students under 21 years of age will be given permit slips to fill out which Was Los will mail home to the respective parents for their signatures, thus relieving the student of this responsibility. Any further information will be available in each fraternity house, Squires, and Commons.

Contrary to many beliefs, blood donating is painless as are the nurses serving at the donation centers. Free blood tests will be made at the place of donation, and the results will be mailed to each donor informing him of his blood group and Rh factor. In addition to this, light refreshment will be served.

Blood is one of the most effective known medicines. Further, there is only one known source of blood . . . people. The blood collected from this campus will be distributed by the American Red Cross to regional community hospitals, the Armed Forces serving overseas, and to Defense Department processing laboratories for extraction of valuable blood derivatives. People in need of it receive this blood free of charge as part of a national public service.

Considering that there are over 600 students, this goal of a hundred and twenty-five pints is surprisingly low. But only 78 donors came forward last year. Was Los feels that the students failed to fulfill their obligation to the community of which they are a part. Such a failure need not and should not occur this year. Be generous and give blood.

Four Member Joint Committee Drafts 'Student Senate' Plan

A proposal for a new form of student government has been prepared after nine months of work by a joint committee of the Student and Interfraternity Councils. The details of this proposal will be presented for the first time this Sunday evening at the Student Council meeting.

The four man joint committee is composed of Rodney Cooke, '56, and Paul Carter, '56, from the Interfraternity Council and Gerry Van Djik, '57, and Bob Connor, '56, from the Student Council. The committee has agreed unanimously on a draft of a new constitution and will present it this Sunday evening.

Although the committee has not released a text of its proposals, it stated that "The new plan provides for a single campus governmental agency called the Student Senate. This Senate would conduct all student government except the duties delegated to the Honor Court, Publication Board, Athletic Council, and Chapel Board."

"This plan" stated the committee, "would provide for a strong and unified agency capable of fully representing all student opinion."

Representation on the Senate would be designed to give every social group a voice in the Senate.

Classes would also be represented in the Senate. The President of each class would automatically be a member of the Senate. The committee plans to propose no changes in the election procedure for class presidents, it stated.

The upper three classes would all have a representative at large under this system. The sophomore and junior class representatives would be nominated by petition and elected by the student body at large, just as under the present system.

The Senior class representative would be President of the Student Senate. At least six candidates would be nominated by the Student Senate for this position. Provision would be made for nominations from the floor at a regular Tuesday Chapel election. In this respect the nomination and selection of the President would differ from the present election procedure.

These representation provisions, the committee noted, would provide for a Senate of approximately 20 men. The committee stated that it feels this to be a desirable size for the governing body. "A Senate of this size" the four members stated, "could function with great efficiency through committees."

There would be five standing committees on the Senate — Rushing, Initiation Week, Budget, Calendar, and Elections. The President of the Senate would be empowered to appoint other committees as he felt them necessary. All committees would be responsible to the entire Senate before any of the recommendations took effect.

The Senate would have all the powers now held by the Student and Interfraternity Councils. The Senate would exercise a close control over such delegated committees as the Social Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and the Student Admissions Committee. These committees would be subject to policy and personal review by the Senate and would be responsible to the Senate for all their decisions.

In addition to the President the Senate would have three main officers, — a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers would be elected by the Senate itself at its first meeting.

Work on the proposal for a strengthened and unified student government began last May when Mark Heller, '55, moved that a joint committee be set up to investigate his proposal for the merging of the two Councils. The IFC approved Heller's motion and appointed Cooke and Carter to the committee.

A week later the Student Council approved a similar motion and

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Virtual Agreement Reached Thursday On Party Rules

Still Differ On Friday Curfew

The IFC and the administration have reached virtual agreement on a set of party regulations. The IFC met with the Faculty Committee on Student Activities at an informal luncheon at the Dean's house yesterday.

The only apparent disagreement between the IFC and the faculty is on the hour Friday night at which all women must be out of fraternity houses. The faculty believes that the rules should make no distinction between a Friday night curfew and the Monday through Thursday curfew, which would be 12 midnight. The IFC favors a 2 a.m. curfew for Friday dates.

Dean Tolles conceded that the difference was relatively unimportant, and both sides seemed to show satisfaction at a 1 a.m. compromise.

Most of the discussion centered about the faculty's request that the IFC endorse the college rule on the misuse of alcoholic beverages and that it state that a fraternity is responsible for its actions as a group, although it cannot be held responsible for the "wayward behavior" of individual members.

Al Rothenberg (Squires) proposed that the IFC fine a house if one of its members makes trouble at another house. He said that the present procedure of reporting such cases to the Dean makes the houses reluctant to do this because they feel it is "squealing."

Stating that it is difficult to decide whether a given action is an individual or a group action, Paul Carter (ADP) suggested that all such cases be brought to the IFC, which would decide which cases were individual and which were the fraternity's responsibility.

The group discussed briefly whether a fraternity is responsible for the actions of its members at a college function like a football game. The Dean thought that misbehavior by a reasonably large group from one fraternity should be the responsibility of the house.

The Dean said that "We (the faculty) want it made clear that the house is responsible for the actions of members as a group. These other matters are something for the IFC to decide upon."

A final set of rules will be drafted at the IFC meeting next Monday.

The other faculty suggestions call for (1) a preamble stating the general objectives of the college social program, (2) a more explicit rule to exclude students and dates from sleeping quarters reserved for the two weeks' advance notice to others, (3) a requirement of the Dean for the special Saturday night parties, (4) elimination of the $100 maximum fine, and (5) delegation to the IFC of the power to revoke social privileges from houses violating the rules.

Tolles said after the luncheon that, barring any radical changes by the IFC, the rules the IFC expects to adopt Monday will be final.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sunday, Feb. 26, in the Chapel instead of March 4, as originally scheduled.

Dean of the Chapel Colin Miller will officiate.

Third Annual Sub-Freshman Weekend Starts

Informal, Informative Schedule Set

About 100 high school seniors will be on the campus today, tomorrow, and Sunday for the college's third annual winter Sub-Freshman Weekend.

Dean Winton Tolles will officially welcome the sub-freshmen at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the chapel. During the afternoon there will be a varsity swimming meet with R.P.I. and guided tours of the campus.

Sub-freshmen interested in specific departments of study will have an opportunity to see the following professors: Prof. Gere, engineering; Prof. Hunt, education; Dean Miller, theology; Dr. Hess, medicine, and Prof. Wertimer, business

Saturday night the sub-freshmen will see the Amherst-Hamilton hockey game and attend a meeting in the Baker Memorial Room, at which members of the student body will explain Hamilton's extra-curricular activities program.

The Block H Club will show movies of the highlights of Hamilton's 1955 football season. After the members talk to students interested in the athletic program, the Buffers will provide entertainment.

Activities will end Sunday with talks by Mox Weber, director of athletics and William Wilson, assistant secretary of admissions

Joint Committee Selects Shaw Play For Hill Reading

Man and Superman, a comical play by George Bernard Shaw, has been selected as the next all-college reading book. The Student Curriculum committee and a faculty committee composed of Messrs. Browning, Pilkington, and Godcharles chose the book.

According to critic Eric Bentley, *Man and Superman* "is a biological comedy with spiritual overtones, a spiritual comedy with a biological ground base."

The theme, says Bentley, "is almost an anthropological myth. While woman is creating and forming the race, man, needed only for a moment in the biological process, is left free to develop secondary interests, intellectual and social. Fearing to lose him, woman lures things by a feigned interest in his intellectual social pursuits."

George Bernard Shaw, perhaps the most famous playwright of the twentieth century, is today still a controversial figure. According to critic Edmund Wilson, Shaw "continues to stand for something which makes us see audience and theatre as we have never quite seen them before.

The choice of *Man and Superman* was made only after careful consideration. According to Librarian Pilkington, there appears to be a current interest in the works of George Bernard Shaw. The Charlatans are considering one of his works for production later on in the year.

The committee has attempted to pick a work that is stimulating and not just of passing interest. Since the student attends college for the purpose of increasing his knowledge, this extracurricular program is designed to further this end.

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Council - IFC Merger . . .

After several months of quiet work on a proposal to strengthen Hamilton's governmental system, a joint committee of the Student and Interfraternity councils is finally prepared to release the details of a major constitutional revision in Hamilton's student government. *The Spectator* strongly believes that the present student government is outmoded, inefficient, and incapable of dealing with the major issues that face the college.

Whether the proposal made by this committee will correct the faults in the present system depends upon the answers to several major questions. We propose to discuss these questions in order:

1. Is there any connection between fraternity problems and campus wide problems to justify a single governmental agency handling both?

The suggestion is frequently made that fraternity problems are quite distinct from college problems and that our student government should reflect this division. *The Spectator* feels that the relationship between the fraternity and the college is so close that no clear dividing line can be drawn between the problems of the one and the problems of the other. Discussions of rushing policy, hell week procedure, social conduct, the decisions of the Social Committee, all effect both fraternities and the entire campus. Furthermore, the relation between fraternity and campus problems will become closer as the college enters the expansion program. The decisions on rushing, initiation week activities, and social program of the college will directly and immediately effect every fraternity and the campus as a whole. Any division between these groups can only indicate confusion and invite inefficiency. The campus needs a strong unified student government; the proposals of the committee offer this strong unified government.

2. Should every fraternity representative on the Senate be bound to return major issues to his house for a vote?

The present proposals of the committee make no requirement that individual members return important issues to their electing bodies. *The Spectator* feels that the present proposals are entirely correct on this point. Regular parliamentary procedure provides for delaying a vote when it is essential to review campus sentiment on it. There is no need for requiring individuals to return each major question to the fraternity for final decision. Hamilton students are, we feel, mature and intelligent enough to select capable and competent representatives—representatives in whom they can have full confidence. The leaders whom the student body selects will be capable of taking decisive action themselves, and will be sensitive to the feelings of the people they represent. We feel there is no need for a constitutional provision demanding consultations and delay on each major issue.

3. Is the Senate too big?

The student Senate as described by the committee would be approximately 20 men. This is larger than either the present IFC or Student Council. Surely it would be unable to operate in the casual, and unrestrained way in which both the Student and Interfraternity Councils operate now. Hopefully, however, this change would result in more efficiency and effectiveness. The Senate would certainly wish a great amount of its work to be done in committee, and the meetings to be largely concerned with discussion and balloting on committee recommendations. Observance of parliamentary procedure would make meetings shorter and decisions more precise. *The Spectator* feels that such a change would surely improve our student government.

4. Is the Senate too powerful?

The Student Senate is provided, we gather from the committee's report, with fairly broad powers in dealing with student groups. For instance, it is provided with means of keeping closer watch on such committees as the Social Committee, the Student Admissions Committee and the Curriculum Committee. The Senate has all the powers which the present IFC has in dealing with fraternities. *The Spectator* feels that this power is both necessary and desirable. It is necessary to make any student government effective. Delegated committees must be controlled by the parent organization. There must be some check and safeguard on their actions. Similarly no organization can deal with Hamilton's problems that does not have the powers of the present Interfraternity Council over fraternities. We do not feel the Senate has too much power or that there is any loop hole in the constitution that enables its power to be abused.

5. Is the Senate democratically representative?

The Senate in all likelihood will be heavily weighted with seniors. Presumably the men houses choose to represent them will be upper classmen. This indicates that the representation on the Senate will b e somewhat "unbalanced." However, we feel that there has never been and probably never will be any issue at this college which has depended on class attitudes. Seniors will certainly represent the entire student body and will have the advantage of being more mature and experienced than underclassmen. We do not feel that this representation is unfair.

With the establishment of delayed rushing, some provisions will have to be made for providing fuller representation for freshmen, since they will not be represented through the regular fraternity representatives. We believe that no provisions should be included in the constitution about this at the present time. When delayed rushing is instituted, the constitution can be adapted to this change.

Finally, the method of selecting the President of the Senate might be called undemocratic. However, there are three safeguards provided in the Constitution. One is that the Senate is required to nominate at least six candidates for this office. This provides for a wide selection in the election. Secondly, the entire Student Senate will do the nominating of these six men. This porvision prevents a "smoke filled room" from determing the holder of the most important position on Hamilton's campus. Finally, provision is made for nominations from the floor. This provides for the widest possible choice and should encourage the selection of a well qualified man for this important position.

Conclusion: Our decision on each of the five questions above has been that the proposal of the committee have fully justified themselves. We believe that the constitution is essentially sound and will provide for efficient, representative, and intelligent campus government. We call for the full support of the IFC, the Student Council and student body for the proposals.. We look forward to the adoption of a new and well designed form of student government. Hamilton needs and deserves it!

Student Christian Association Brings Ideal 'Faith Experiment' to Forestport

Twenty miles north of Utica, amidst two feet of snow and 45 below zero cold, one of the most ambitious students projects of Hamilton College is being carried out by the Student Christian Association.

Forestport, New York, is a small lonely town in winter. Years ago the cries of lumberjacks could be heard from the massive forests on all sides of the massive forests on all sides of the town. Now there is only the strange quiet of the Black River rushing over a nearby dam.

Years ago the lumber came floating down the river to Forestport where it was loaded on barges which in turn carried it down a feeder canal to Rome and the Erie. Now there is nothing but the burnt ruins of the finishing mills and the overgrown locks of the feeder to remind one of the industrial area that once was Forestport.

It is into this area that the SCA has come to act as ministers, youth group leaders, and Sunday school teachers for the small Forestport Presbyterian Church. Facing the problem of having too little money to hire a regular minister, the Forestport congregation was near extinction when it was suggested that college students might be interested in this experiment of service.

Since the plan started last fall, every Saturday two members of the SCA have traveled north. When they arrive at Forestport they visit members of the church and, at night, lead the youth service. Sunday they lead the worship service and help teach Sunday school classes.

Sometimes, there are special projects at the church. Last Sunday five members went to Forestport in order to join in a hike planned for the young people. All but two of the intrepid students were well outfitted. This unfortunate pair, however, wore nothing but overshoes which, in the three and four foot drifts, proved quite useless.

Yet there is a spirit at Forestport which tends to sooth the trails of the Hamilton "gentlemen". Perhaps it is the spirit of the town, the church and the people.

To each of the SCA members who visits the town, Forestport is strangely different from his own home town. For Frank Gross from Montpelier, Vermont for Joe Leard from Larchmont, New York; for Tim Dixon and Pres Dawes from Delmar, New York; and for Steve Hoffman, from Elmira, New York; Forestport is a new experience, a town of many differences from any place they have ever known.

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T. O'Donnell's 'Tip of the Hill' Depicts Early Battle to Found Medical School

It is unlikely that the average Hamilton College student knows of a school called the Fairfield Academy, which used to be located on a hilltop just north of Little Falls, N.Y.

It is still more unlikely that he knows of a contest of major proportions which once took place between the Academy and Hamilton College. The facts about that contest are set forth in a book published in 1953 by Thomas C. O'Donnell, called *Tip of the Hill.*

By way of introduction, O'Donnell observes that Fairfield Academy was founded in March, 1803. At that time it and the Hamilton Oneida Academy at Clinton were the only schools of academic rank in New York State west of Schenectady.

Not content with being a mere academy, however, Fairfield in 1808 decided to form a medical department and consequently began medical courses in the next year. Soon the medical institution possessed a faculty second only to the medical school at Philadelphia. Its president was the Rev. Caleb Alexander, and the medical faculty included Joseph Montague, Drs. Josiah Noyes, Lyman Spalding, and George C. Shattuck.

In January of 1812 the administration at Fairfield received a shock. The Hamilton Oneida Academy at Clinton was applying for a charter, and its plans included a medical department Obviously, there was no need of two medical schools so close together, and so began a struggle between Fairfield and the Hamilton Oneida Academy for a charter as a medical school.

The struggle was well sprinkled with politics and drama. Fairfield had a better claim to the charter, since it already had medical courses and had erected a special building for lecture rooms and laboratories in 1809. But Hamilton had on its side the shrewd Oneida County politician Jonas Platt, whose words carried great weight in the state legislature.

In order to influence the legislature's decision, Hamilton invited the entire medical faculty of Fairfield to accept positions at Hamilton. The Rev. Alexander, Montague, and Dr. Noyes accepted the invitation. Rev. Alexander resigned from his post at Fairfield in such haste that he angered the Board of Trustees of that institution.

Finally, late in 1812, the matter was settled when the New York State legislature granted a charter as a college to Hamilton but granted to Fairfield a charter for a medical school. Shortly thereafter the Hamilton Board of Trustees abandoned its plans for offering medical courses. The presidency of Hamilton was offered to Rev. Alexander who, however, refused it. Whether he did so, as he said, "to save his reputation" or whether he was forced to refuse the appointment, remains a mystery.

Embarrassed as the Fairfield Academy had been by the controversy over the medical school, it managed to obtain new professors and soon the Fairfield Medical College became widely known. Among its well-known graduates are the American botanist Asa Gran, and Marcus Whitman, who earned fame as a medical missionary to the Indians of the American Northwest. When, at the beginning of the fall semester in 1840, none of the professors returned, Fairfield Medical Col-

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Letters To The Editor

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To the Editor:

The representatives of the student body on the Honor Court wish to express their appreciation to the *Spectator* for its editorial support of the recently proposed amendment to the Honor System Consittution. It seems evident by the results of the voting on this amendment that the student body is not ready at present to make this addition to its Honor System. The Court is still convinced of the wisdom and practicality of the proposed change and hopes that in review the student body will realize that this is a serious omission to its Honor System.

The members of the Honor Court

To the Editor of *The Spectator*

As the freshmen representative on the Honor Court, I would like to attempt an objective discussion of my conception of the relationship between the student body and their representatives on the Honor Court, with particular regard to the recently proposed amendment to the Honor System Constitution. A most important point to remember is that the Honor Court is a student-run, student-appointed organization and fully realizes that, in the final analysis, it is responsible to the student body. Therefore, the recent defeat of the proposed amendment should not be regarded as a defeat of the Honor Court suffered at the hands of the student body. Rather, it is a rejection by the students of a proposal to change, in part, their Honor System.

The question has been raised as to the reason for the defeat of the amendment. This question has raised a more basic question of the part which the honor court should take in interpreting itself to the student body. I'm sure the Honor Court realizes its responsibilities in this area. As examples, I refer to the several methods employed in

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Dear Sirs,

It has been obvious for some time that many Hamilton men have been misusing the freedom of which we have all been proud. Thus, my first reaction to the report of the Faculty Committee on Student Activities was quite favorable. However, after considering some of the implications of the report, I now realize that if the steps (considerate of them to disfavor rules and favor merely "steps") which they recommend are taken, the result will be infinitely greater than the mere solving of the existing problems. It will mean a great loss of our freedom. Of course, those who misuse this freedom should be dealt with severely. However, it is rather a shame that the disregard of a few students for the existing rules should be used as a basis for denying freedom to all. Mass punishment may be necessary to quell prison riots; it seems unfortunate to employ it at Hamilton.

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Agreeable Argument Over Females Provides Forensic Frenzy In Chapel

A meager audience of 30 students and faculty members found that debating can have a lighter side by attending the annual faculty-student debate Wednesday night. The debate, sponsored by Delta Sigma Rho, had as its topic *Resolved: that Hamilton College should become co-educational.*

Professor Paul Hayner and Al Prettyman, '56, debated the affirmative side of the subject, while Professor Frank Piano and Gene Granof, '56, composed the negative team. Peter O'Hara '57, was the moderator.

The first affirmative speaker, Professor Hayner, attacked the present situation and stated that Hamilton should welcome and encourage young women to become members of the student body here. He asserted that the college did not provide its students with a true liberal arts education by excluding women from the student body.

"At Hamilton," Hayner continued, "we lack the broad, well rounded point of view. Instead, we have an exclusively male point of view, which is narrow and violates the fundamental principal of providing a good view of all angles.

Hayner noted that the situation is serious from the social point of view, as the undergraduates have not achieved a healthy wholesome attitude towards women, due to the forced celebacy at the college. He pointed out the "unrestrained behavior at houseparties and the aritificial and unhealthy atmosphere created when girls are brought to the college on occasional weekend dates, both of which create strain and nervousness on the part part of men and women."

Remarking that student morale was at a low ebb, Prof. Hayner concluded his speech by stating, "We can no longer acquiesce to an outmoded social code which decrees that women are socially and mentally inferior to men!"

Looking quite "naturally superior" in his button-down shirt, challis tie, brown tweed jacket, and grey flannels, Professor Piano stated that the negative side was not against women and liked the idea of two sexes existing.

Yet the college would become the laughing-stock of the East if it admitted women," continued Piano. "If we included women in the student body, we would cease being the voice of wisdom of the Oriskany Creek wilderness.

The negative speaker commented that the male language would be reduced to such adjectives as "how nice!" "peachy" and "super."

"'Gather close, ye boys and men and girls and women'" would be a rather ineffectual fight song, and lines such as:

'We still will be thy boys and girls,
We still will be thy boys and girls',

would tend to detract from the beauty of *Carrissima,*" Piano said.

The second affirmative speaker, Al Prettyman, opened his debate by stating that women are needed at Hamilton to foster a wholesome attitude towards the meaning of the opposite sex, to expand knowledge of man's relationship to society, and to do away with the present outmoded system of education.

Prettyman, president of Delta Sigma Rho, noted that the Faculty Committee on Student Activities recognizes the advantages of women, who provide proper relaxation for men.

Arguing for the desirability of female students at Hamilton, he asserted that they would improve school spirit and promote the support of school teams and extracurricular activities. "There is nothing that will make a man perform better than woman cheering him on in the stands," said the speaker. "Moreover, female cheerleaders would undoubtedly be better than our present subtle cheerleaders."

He went on to propose a concrete plan for sexual integration, leaving the boy-girl ratio to the admissions office. Suggesting that the girls be housed in Middle Dorm for the time being, he added that the could also inhabit the new dorm when it is completed.

Admitting that certain temptations might arise from the housing of men and women on the same campus, Prettyman affirmed that human frailty must be dealt with. "The Hamilton man is mature enough to be on his honor about such matters, and I therefore propose an amendment to the Honor Court Constitution."

"Destructive, damnable, deceitful women," were the first words of the second negative speaker, Gene Granof. While admitting that sex was here to stay and that the negative side was all for it, he cited the actions of such infamous females as Eve, Delilah, and Helen of Troy, all of whom caused the destruction of men.

Granof noted that the Administration is already proposing now, when girls are on campus many rules about social functions on only a few weekends. He cited a few rules of William and Mary, a co-educational institution, where no student could possess beer, liquor, or an automobile on campus, and no fraternity or sorority could hold more than three parties in one year.

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SPORTSFOLIO

by Peter Dayton

"St. Lawrence will send one of the strongest intercollegiate hockey teams in the east on to the ice tomorrow. The hockey squad, composed predominately of Canadian players is in the heat of the battle for one of the two NCAA berths, and an invitation to play in the College Championship tourney in Colorado Springs."

"An inspired Hamilton College sextet scored the major upset of the 1952 intercollegiate hockey campaign last Saturday (St. Lawrence called it the biggest upset in 25 years) taking the measure of heavily favored St. Lawrence, 3-2, before a capacity houseparty crowd at Sage Rink.

These two quotations from successive issues of the Hamilton *Spectator* outline one of the newest myths in the history of Hamilton College. A myth that has been hammered into the heads of every entering freshman since 1952. Few people remain on campus who remember the historic defeat of the S.L.U. team that was later to take third place in the NCAA tournament, but everyone on campus relates the tale as though they were present that day.

The names of Gander, Van Dijk, and Sanborn will live in the memories of every Hamilton undergraduate. The players on that Winter Carnival afternoon had not a care in the world and all seemed unaware of any physical exhaustion.

Tuesday, St. Lawrence again visits the Sage Rink. The contest will feature a different group of players, not one of whom was on the ice that afternoon. But however different the cast, every person at the game will be thinking of February 29, 1952, and expect a reenactment of that now famous game.

If the upset does not materialize, no one will be especially disappointed, for the myth will live on from year to year, each succeeding class waiting patiently for a recurrence of something that may very well never happan again.

The following appeared in the January 13 issue of the*Hobart Herald.*

If however we were to actively try to get bids to bowl games and tournaments it would mean we would have to have consistently good teams. Now if we keep beating colleges like Union, Hamilton, St. Lawrence and others these teams will drop us from their schedules. The reason no moves have been made thus far is that these schools realize that we aren't over emphasizing athletics and so they accept their recent losses as part of the natural cycle of good and poor teams. Assuming that Hobart attempted to build stronger teams we would have to find new opponents to replace these schools that would drop us, but we haven't got the facilities to play bigger teams (i.e. the small seating capacities of Boswell Bowl and DeSales gym) so that we're worse off than when we started. Of course with the far distant new field house and added stands we could go semi bigtime but the improbability of such plans places them in the background.

As for myself, I'm satisfied with good small college ball and if we do play a tournament now and then it's that much of an added thrill.

The *Spectator* has no comment.

Rossiter . . .

atism); who is alarmed by the confusion of thought, excess of emotion, and irresponsibility of action that have thus far attended it; and who believes that a high-minded conservatism is America's most urgent need for the years ahead."

Professor Ellis of the history department stated that Rossiter "has had a very distinguished career in the field of American political theory. His main agitation," continues Ellis, "is for a conservatism incorporating more broad and stimulating thinking on the part of the American conservatists. He enjoys answering questions and needling students."

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Swimmers Lose Twice at Buffalo, 63-18, 53-25

Face RPI Here Tomorrow

The Hamilton swimmers lost twice last weekend, one a decisive loss at the hands of Buffalo State, and the other a close contest in which Buffalo University tripped the Buff and Blue.

The strong Buffalo State squad trounced Chip Hunter's men 63-18, in their own pool in a meet in which no Hamilton swimmer could gain a first place. Again, Captain Kevin Keogh starred in a losing cause, placing second in both the 220 and 440 yard free styles, his strong events. For Buffalo State, Kissell, a backstroker who holds their home-pool backstroke record, was outstanding. To complete a victorious day for the Staters, their relay team broke their own record in the 400 yard relay.

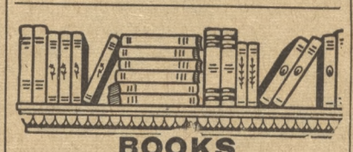
Saturday noon, following the Buffalo State meet, the Buffalo University mermen downed the Blue, 59-25, in a contest much closer than the score would seem to indicate. Hamilton gained one first place in this meet, that being in the 400 yard relay event, but was mere seconds behind the winners in four other contests. Keogh was one second behind the leader in the 220 yards free style. Hank Tinges was one tenth of a second off the pace in the 50 yard individual medley, and freshman Charlie Kriebel was one second behind in the 200 yard medley and close behind in the 200 yard backstroke event. Keogh was the leading Hamilton point-gainer with six markers.

The weekend's activities dropped the Blues to the embarrassing position of having lost 24 straight swimming meets, and dropped their season record to an 0-7 count.

On Wednesday of this week, the Colgate freshmen arrived for an unofficial practice session. The meet, which scheduled freshman and regular events, was informal and served to prepare the team for their next encounter against RPI tomorrow at Clinton.

RPI boasts of a 2-5 record for this year's aquatic activities, having lost to Cortland, who also beat the Blue, 57-15. Returning from last year's RPI squad, which had compiled a 6-4 record are three lettermen who are the anchormen. Captain John Jurkowski, a breaststroker, appears as the man to watch in this meet.

He took the breastroke against Cortland, who is strong in this event. Paul Spindel, a participant in the backstroke, free-style and medley relay contests, and Art Rosenfield, a free-styler, who doubles with Spindel in the medley relay, are also outstanding performers for the RPI squad.



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Hockey Team Faces Amherst, SLU, Army in Next Three Games

The hockey team reaches the crucial part of its season during the next week as it plays home games against Amherst, St. Lawrence, and Army. If the Continentals with a present record of four wins and six defeats, can win two of these games they have a chance to finish with a season's record of .509 for the first time since 1952.

Amherst appears at the Sage Rink this Saturday with a considerably stronger team than last year's. Hamilton eeat the Jeffs 5-3 last year and holds an 8-2 margin in the series that began in 1921.

Amherst has a 5-4 record so far this season with victories over Bowdin, Massachusetts, MIT, Colby, and New Hampshire. Losses were to Tufts, Williams, Middlebury, and Army.

Powerful St. Lawrence, contenders for the Eastern championship will be on the Hill next Tuesday. The Larries are sporting an 11-3 record in intercollegiate competition. Aside from early season losses to Michigan State and Laval by one-goal margins their only defeat has been an 8-3 trouncing at the hands of Clarkson. St. Lawrence holds a 10-8 edge in total competition with Hamilton, with last ear's game going to the Larries, 13-3.

Bill Scoones

The Black Knights of Army will furnish the opposition for the Continentals at next Saturday's houseparty contest. Although Army has been up and down so far this season, they are regarded as the strongest Army team in many years. This is attested to by wins over Yale and Middlebury. However, the Cadets have barely eked out wins over some of their weaker opponents in compiling a 5-3 record to date. Army has a strong defense led by three-year veterans Dick Leuders in the goal and Captain Ralph Chesnauskas of football fame at defense post.

The Continentals have found Army their toughest opponent through the years having dropped 13 out of 16 decisions while one game was a tie. Last year at West Point the Knights won 3-1.

Although they played one of their best games of the year, the Hillmen lost to Queens University last Saturday by a 5-1 count. The game remained close until the opening minutes of the last period when the Canadians scored two quick goals to clinch the game.

The first period ended in a scoreless tie as Spencer made eight saves for Hamilton and Douds had 11 stops for Queens. Doe opened the scoring as he beat Spencer at 0:56 of the second frame, and six minutes later Dozzi added another tally while Joe O'Brien was in the penalty box. At 18:36 Scoones got the single Hamilton goal on assists from Regan and Keohler.

Osborne and Hoffman scored in the first five minutes of the third period to increase the margin to 4-1. Play was then scoreless until 18:40 when Dozzi closed out the scoring with his second goal of the evening.

Coach Long Prepares Track Team For Informal Meet at Schenectady

Spring track doesn't start until April 28, but already the Continental cindermen are working out under Coach Gene Long. Saturday, February 18, Coach Long will take an informal team to Schenectady to compete in a triangular meet with Alfred and Union.

Thirty-five men have turned out for track, including sixteen lettermen. Coach Long lost two men through graduation, John Ibach, who competed in the high hurdles and the high jump, and Bob Braunlich, who tossed the javelin. A lot this year will depend on Earl Cline. Out with a pulled muscle part of last season, Cline could make a big difference in this year's team. His sophomore year he constantly garnered fifteen and twenty points a meet, competing in the 100 and 220 dashes, the 220 low hurdles, and the broad jump. Although the team is strong in all departments, it lacks depth. This is the first season in a long while that the pole vaulting event boasts more than one participant. Jim Bonbright, a freshman, and Jay Eveleth, a Junior, will both try their hand at vaulting.

Coach Long plans to take about 16 men Saturday. Bob Patton, John McMartin, and Perry Weed will compete in the 1000 yard run, and with John McMartin will run the distance relays. Steve Harwood, Earl Cline, and Hal Bruck will handle the dashes and the sprint relays, and Chris Durham, Irad Ingraham, and Hans Boovarsson the 600 yard run. The latter trio coupled with McMartin will run the middle distance relays. In the mile, it will in all probability be Bill Poole, Bruce Bartlett, and Chirp McLeod. Al Shaler will run in the two mile event. Roy Basler and Pete Eld will go in the high hurdles, and, along with Phil Mead and Steve Harwood, will run in the low hurdles. Joe Nuccio, a junior, will probably make the trip and participate in the high jump. Last year Nuccio broke the Continental high jumping record.

Last year the cindermen won three and lost one, placing fourth in the state meet. This year's track schedule is the same as last year's. However, Hamilton fans will only be treated to two home meets. One is a dual meet with Cortland on May 5, and the other is the New York State College Conference Meet, to take place on May 19. In addition to the home meets, Hamilton has meets with Union on April 28, Oswego on May 8, and Ithaca College on May 12. A tentative trip has been planned to the Quantico Marine Base to compete in the Marine Corps relays on April 5 and 6. The team would have to pay their own way, and as yet, the trip needs the approval of the administration.

Tip of the Hill . . .

lege abruptly ceased to exist.

Fairfield Academy itself continued to operate until 1900, when, because of a sudden change of administration, it failed to open for the year 1900-01. Its demise was just as abrupt as had been that of the medical college. The most significant event in Fairfield's near-century of existence had been its contest with Hamilton College, a contest now all but forgotten in an age when the establishment of medical schools is no longer such a controversial topic.

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Book . . .

Too many students, the committee feels, read only what is required and devote little time to reading for their own pleasure and self-cultivation. The committee hopes that its selections will also stimulate ideas and give students an increased common basis for conversation.

Man and Superman will be obtainable soon from Mr. Pilkington at the approximate cost of thirty-five cents a copy.

The first book of the college reading program was Albert Schweizer's *Out of My Life and Thoughts,* the autobiography of the German philosopher, musician, and humanitarian.

The PX will remain open to later hours during Winter Carnival weekend Feb. 24-5.

Hours for Friday, Feb. 24, are 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday.

Senate . . .

appointed the remaining two members of the committee.

Over the summer the committee compared Hamilton's governmental system with that of other colleges. Earlier this semester the committee reported that they felt the idea of a new student government was essentially sound; since then they have been meeting regularly to draft a constitution.

After submitting the draft of the constitution to both the IFC and the Student Council, the committee will present it at an open meeting of the student body. When suggestions have been received from all these groups the committee will redraft the constitution into final form and ask for the beginning of ratification action.

Ratification requires the same procedure as adopting an amendment to the constitutions of the present councils. This means a three quarters vote by the members of each council and a majority vote of the student body. "We hope that this constitution will be ratified in time for spring elections" stated the committee, "in that way the Senate will be operating by the end of this academic year."

"We feel that this plan will increase efficiency in administration, raise the prestige of student government, and provide a fully representative body to deal with cluded the committee.

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Big St. Lawrence Team to Meet Hill Wednesday

Utica Humbled Last Night 76-69

The Alumni Gymnasium will be the scene of the Continental's next court duel. St. Lawrence, boasting of a strong team and a six foot, six inch, 300 pound center, will provide the opposition, as the Clinton quintet seeks to gain its seventh win against five defeats next Wednesday.

Last night, on the Utica home court, a near-capacity crowd witnessed a 76-69 trouncing of the Pioneers at the hands of the Hillmen. John Glezen and Pete Eckel turned in their usual sparkling performance as the sophomore center captured scoring honors with 25 points.

But the highlight of the game was the job done by Bob Moses. Defying the tradition that he is not a scorer, Bobby poured 10 points through the hoop and, despite his size, managed to take every rebound within his reach to the amazement of his taller opponents.

Though the score indicates a close contest, the outcome of the game was doubtful only in the first few minutes. Utica College's Herkie Seriano started the game off with a quick bucket, but after that it was Hamilton's game all the way. A flurry of baskets by Bill Fivaz and Frank O'Brien made the score 12-2 and, before the Uticans could recover from the initial shock, the soreboard read Hamilton 20, Utica 6. The Orange bounced back to within three points but the Hamilton defense tightened up and the half ended at 35-23.

The absence of Don Dobrovolc from the Utica lineup was sorely felt. Though the deadly Ron Evans ripped 28 points through the cords, the Pioneer attack lacked a good big man to cope with the Continental's rebounding talent.

As in most of the Hill's games, foul shots were the difference. This time, however, the difference. This time, however, the difference was in the Blue's favor. For a pleasant change, the Uticans were the only ones with the poor average from the gift line, making only 13 of 25 free throws.

Unfortunately, this was not the case at Ithaca last week. Though the Patrickmen were outscored by only three buckets from the floor, the Ithacans tossed in a phenomenal 93 per cent of their 30 foul shots, to win handily 77-54. Ithaca was paced by Slomkowski, a freshman, with 20 points, while Pete Eckel netted 18 for Hamilton in a losing effort. The frosh also lost 81-62.

At Utica last night, the J.V. team came through with their second win of the season as sophomore Eric Hasseltine flipped in 30 points to make it a clean sweep for the Continentals.

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New Book Charges that Fraternities Are Still Choosing on 'Aryan' Basis

Although restrictive membership clauses are disappearing from constitutions, America's college fraternities are still choosing their members on the basis of "Aryanism," it is charged in a survey conducted by the National Committee on Fraternities in Education.

Written by Dr. Alfred McClung Lee, president of the NCFE and chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Brooklyn College, the survey, "Fraternities without Brotherhood," discloses that most college fraternities continue to accept and reject applicants on grounds of race, religion, and national origin. The survey encompassed 125 leading colleges which have twelve or more fraternities on their campuses including Hamilton.

"Although is is disappearing from formal documents," Dr. Lee reports, "Aryanism has not died out; in most cases it is very much alive even though underground."

"To the extent that Aryanism persists in them, social fraternities represent a basic threat to democracy in the United States and to the effectiveness of American leadership in world affairs." Dr. Lee asserts that "If men's fraternities will rid themselves of this disastrous theory and practice, they will contribute to the development of democratic leadership."

Pointing out that fraternities have developed a variety of subterfuges for barring undesired applicants, Dr. Lee blames "fraternity professionals" and alumni for preventing chapters from pledging members of minority groups.

The NCFE, which includes prominent educators throughout the United States, finds only 10 of the 61 leading national men's fraternities continuing to retain formal religious and/or racial restriction.

Based on the trend revealed in the survey, only two or three national fraternities will still have discriminatory clauses by 1960, according to Dr. Lee, who expresses satisfaction that "among the 61 men's national fraternities in the National Interfraternity Conference, the number with discriminatory clauses fell from 25 to 10 between 1948 and 1954."

Dr. Lee points out that although student and faculty opinion is preponderantly against discrimination, only eight college administrations have taken positive steps against discriminatory membership practices in fraternities.

"College administrators thus do not, in most cases, use their institutional authority to prevent the nationals from perpetuating biased practices in local chapters," he expains. "They do not support the efforts of student chapters against segregation. In short, the hands-off policy of these college executives has the effect of permitting the nationals to maintain their fraternal status quo."

Debate...

"With such rules," Granof continued "college life would be even more frustrating than it is now, as the social life would be worse. The Administration would allow the Forbidden Fruit to walk along the street. The Hamilton man would become less dominant and virile."

Noting that Hamilton students now traveled to the far corners of the East for dates, Granof pointed out that students at Smith, Mt. Holyoke, Skidmore, Wells, Vassar, and Wellesley would inevitably suffer if Hamilton were to become co-ed and Hamilton men were no longer to visit the various women's colleges.

After a five-minute break Piano delivered the first rebuttal speech, pointing out that Harvard and Radcliffe were in practice, if not in theory, co-educational. "However," he stated, "Radcliffe girls who want to get into Harvard courses must before they are admitted."
show a pink slip to the instructor

Piano continued vehemetly, "If we admit girls to this college, we shall have to introduce such courses as Structure and Style of Dance, Home Economics, Fashion Coordination and Draping, Advanced Food Analysis, and even Nutrition of Obstetrics. Have we no spark of self-respect? This would be classroom debauchery and would result in the greatest matriarchy since the Amazons."

Criticizing the negative team's debating style, Al Prettyman opened his rebuttal by saying, "There are two ways to debate and to marry—the right way and the shotgun way."

Prettyman gave the first statistic of the debate, saying that 45% of the players on Michigan State's football team this year are married, therefore deducing that women do not distract athletes.

Gene Granof was the next to speak, saying, "Is the college now facing a disaster without women? Hamilton has gotten along without them for 150 years If the college admitted female students, all of us would be broke in two weeks—economically speaking, it is far cheaper to travel to girls' colleges.

Granof concluded by noting that Hamilton alumni are doing quite well for themselves, as 98.3% of all graduates are married.

The last speaker, Prof. Hayner, asserted that experiences such as the lack of women at an all-male college have a traumatic effect upon men.

To contradict the negative side's arguments concerning poorer classes, Hayner suggested that any professor at Hamilton could dispense with dirty jokes and still teach effectively. "Moreover," he continued, "we certainly should not be afraid of holding frank class discussions with the women of today—we are not living in the Victorian Age."

A question and answer period followed the debate, the last question being asked by a freshman who queried, "Do you think that the addition of women to the college would hasten the proposed expansion?"

Flanagan Letter...

interpreting the Honor System to freshmen and sub-freshmen. In addition to which, members of the court stand ready at all times to interpret the system and the court to freshmen and upper-classmen alike.

With specific regard for the recent proposal, several methods could have been employed to inform the student body. One was that which the Honor Court employed; another might have been along lines suggested by *The Spectator* in a recent editorial. And, undoubtedly, there are other ways. I do not believe it is naive to hope that the initiative which the student body exercises will be in proportion to the importance of the issue as it affects the students. So that, regardless of the method employed, when the facts are clearly and adequately provided, as I believe they were in this measure, subsequent student initiative will assure intelligent voting on the measure. To say that "the most obvious reason for the failure of the amendment . . . was the complete lack of responsibility of the Court" is to view the issue from one side only. What is necessary is increased awareness of a dual responsibility in any measure of this kind.

The Spectator arbitrarily assumed that the amendment failed to pass because the students were unaware of the ramifications of the issue. Perhaps the students, taking more initiative than *The Spectator* give them credit for, were fully aware of the consequences of the amendment and did not agree that it could be worked out practically. If this is true, I personally agree with *The Spectator* in hoping that the door is not closed on the issue. I am sure the Honor Court will continue to search for a solution which will meet with the students' approval, and is solicitous of written suggestions from the students concerning such a solution.

Dick Flanagan, '59

Brown Letter...

Also there is a feeling implied by the report that the misuse of alcohol by students consists in drinking it. And anyone who says that three all night parties a year seriously effect a student's academic work is either dishonest or incredibly naive.

As usual, the administration is attempting with this report to whip the students into making and enforcing rules which the administration would have a miserable time enforcing by itself. Yet, nonetheless, we must pay strict attention to the report as it deals with misuse of alcohol: real misuse such as that which results in obscene language and property damage. However, there is no reason for the IFC to enforce a curfew on men for chaperoned Saturday nights. It cannot be a question of propriety since the parties are to be carefully chaperoned. And if the curfew is to be placed for academic reasons, the IFC is entering a province in which it certainly does not belong.

Let us then, with no further formal rules, make this Winter Carnival something to be proud of. Let us not drink in public, nor insult anyone's wife, nor break anything. Let us obey completely the rules pertaining to proper housing of dates. Let us not, however, take too seriously the puritanical nonsense that our three all night parties are "so strenuous as to interfere with the academic work of the College."

We do not want Hamilton to be like a neighboring college where the men are treated like apes and act like apes; where at three o'clock in the morning the keepers come around and take away all the Janes. Yet as soon as definite rules concerning alcohol or curfews are enacted by the administration or the IFC, the entire attitude of Hamilton men is changed. For no man can be a gentleman unless it is by personal choice.

Emerson Brown, Jr.

Forestport...

The Odd Fellows Hall, the FFR (Forestport Fire Fighters, Inc.) and perhaps the snow-covered bandstand are signs of a town unlike their own. This is a town where the hotels (3) outnumber the stores (2), where the river, covered with 18 inches of ice, serves as a landing field for airplanes in the winter, and where the wooden houses shove their second floor front porches adorned with the family laundry out over the main street. And it is wood that brings back the memories of the glory of Forestport. Now the trucks have taken the lumbering farther north, and the canal no longer serves the mainline of this industry.

But the Forestport church is not dead, even as the town, now growing with the influx of Utica suburbanites pushed out of the more crowede suburbs, is's not dead. Built three quarters of a century ago the building is American gothic. The congregation of thirty is willing to battle the drifts each Sunday and show an eager interest in the experiment.

For it is the people, not the building which form Forestport and this church. "I have been halfway about the world and I would never leave the town," said one church member after the service. Another member showed me about the church. examined the Bible and noted Along the walls hung letters from the army thanking the church for a young boy who had become a chaplain.

After the service another commented, "We appreciate so much what you boys are doing." Yet I often heard the boys themselves liked having the job. "It gives us a real sense of accomplishment," said one. Another:: "We want people on the campus to know that we do something with our belief, something more than talk and show films. This is a service which we do not for the feeling of sacrifical service, but for the sense of accomplishment and the satisfaction of knowing we have used our faith".

Foreign Film Society Starts Semester With Mexican Drama, 'Rio Escondido'

Rio Escondido, a Mexican melodrama starring Maria Felix, will open the second semester program offered by the Foreign Film Society. It will be shown tonight and tomorrow night at 8:00 in the Chemistry Auditorium.

Rio Escandido (*in English, Hidden River*) is described as a motion picture which aims at much more than entertainment: it portrays the efforts of the Mexican people to raise themselves from illiteracy and poverty. In the role of the self-sacrificing school teacher stationed in a primitive village, Maria Félix forgets her famous beauty and gives a stirring performance.

David Bongard, on reviewing the film at its New York showing, said, "If you have just a smattering of Spanish at your command, or someone else's sitting next to you, you can enjoy elegance and beauty painted at its best by writer-director Emilio Férnandez, Mexico's nubmer one photographer, Gabriel Figueroa (his camera work was seen in Bunuel's memorable *The Young and the Damned,* shown on the Hill in October), and of course the intensely interesting Maria Félix.

Future presentations by the Foreign Film Society will be: the German classic, *The Blue Angel,* a film that launched Marlene Dietrich on her fabulous career (March 9-10); Vittorio De Sica's rollicking comedy-fantasy, *Miracle In Milan,* a striking contrast to that director's relentlessly realistic masterpiece *The Bicycle Thief,* shown here last semester, (April 13-14).

To conclude this year's program, *The Storm Within,* French Academician Jean Cocteau's brilliant filming of his successful stage play, *Les Parents Terribles,* (May 18-19) will be shown.

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